



Yucca Weekly Update



Councilmember Joyce Clark - City of Glendale, Arizona

Yucca District - where Glendale's past, present and future meet.

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Fall Green Living Workshops.

Glendale is presenting a free series of Green Living classes this fall, offering a wealth of valuable information for ways to improve the green factor around your home and in your wallet!

Saturday, Sept. 18, Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St.

12:30-2:15 p.m. - Understanding Your Irrigation System
2:30-4:30 p.m. - How to Set Your Landscape Water Timer

Saturday, Sept. 25, Foothills Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave.

12:30-1:45 p.m. - Assessing Your Home's Energy Use
1:45-3 p.m. - Earth-Friendly Landscape Renovations
3-3:30 p.m. - Programmable Thermostats

To register for any of the free classes, call 623-930-3760. [Click here](#) to view a full list of upcoming classes. For more information on Glendale's Environmental Resources and green programs, visit www.glendaleaz.com/green.

Teddy Bear Day. A favorite downtown event partners with the Glendale Fire Department on this significant day in history to help benefit children involved in traumatic situations.

Downtown Glendale celebrates Teddy Bear Day on Saturday, Sept. 11, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and participants will be encouraged to donate a Teddy Bear to the Glendale Fire Department's Trauma Teddy Program.

Once visitors drop off a Teddy Bear at the Glendale Convention and Visitors Bureau (CVB) they will enjoy a fun-filled day of make-and-take arts and crafts, sweet treats and exclusive deals in Historic Downtown Glendale. Other fun activities include a Teddy Bear tea, a special appearance by the downtown merchant's mascot, Al the Bear, who will pose for photos and an obstacle course demonstration with Arizona Search Dogs. These dogs were part of the 9/11 search and rescue team.

For more information, contact the Glendale CVB at 623-930-4500 or visit online at www.visitglendale.com. The Glendale CVB is located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140.



Ballet Under the Stars, Sept. 26. Spend a relaxing evening under the gorgeous Arizona sky as [Ballet Arizona](#) performs at Sahuaro Ranch Park Historic Area on Sunday, Sept. 26, at 7 p.m.

The premiere dance company continues its annual tradition with "Ballet Under the Stars," offering free family entertainment with a combination of classical and contemporary works. This year's program will feature excerpts from "Divertimento #15," "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "The Four Temperaments."

"Ballet Under the Stars" offers open lawn seating. Guests are encouraged to bring picnic dinners and lawn chairs or blankets for the entire family to enjoy an evening of art and culture.

Concessions will also be available for purchase during the event.

Over the past 12 years, "Ballet Under the Stars" has been enjoyed by more than 60,000 Valley residents. Some highlights of last year's event can be viewed at www.YouTube.com/myglendale11. Sahuaro Ranch Park is located at 59th Avenue and Mountain View Road. For more information on the event, call 623-930-4200.

Teens Expand their Horizons through a Book Group. From hard-driven athletes to cutting-edge techies, teens tend to make friends based on their interests and hobbies. Keeping this in mind, Kearsten LaBrozzi, a Teen Librarian at the Glendale Main Library, 5959 W. Brown St., has found a creative way to help teens expand their circle of friends.

LaBrozzi hosts a book group called Kearsten's Book Club. "The club consists of a variety of teens who normally wouldn't hang out together," LaBrozzi said. "But they have ended up forming close friendships, even outside of the group."

Kearsten's Book Club meets on the fourth Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. To sign up for the next meeting, call 623-930-3537, or e-mail 59Square@gmail.com.



GU Graduate Class – Glendale City Court - “Domestic Violence and Mock Trial.” Glendale is offering a new graduate course for Glendale residents or Glendale business owners who have graduated from the Glendale University 101 program.

The City Court tries criminal and civil traffic violations, as well as non-traffic criminal misdemeanor cases. Some of the cases the court handles include driving under the influence, drag racing, child restraint violations and assault.

This two-day class will focus on learning the domestic violence laws in the State of Arizona and how DUI criminal cases are processed. The first night will also cover the roles of the prosecutor, defense attorney, judge and jury. The second night will be an interactive night where the students participate in a mock trial. Both classes will be held at the Glendale City Court complex, located at 5711 W. Glendale Avenue. Parking is available along

57th Avenue and in a public parking lot located south of the court building.

This course will be held from 6 - 8 p.m. on Sept. 28 and 6 - 9 p.m. on Sept. 29. Please leave all non-essential items at home as all students will pass through security screening prior to entering the court room.

To register online, visit: www.glendaleaz.com/communitypartnerships and click on “Glendale University” or call 623-930-2868 to receive an application by mail or fax. The deadline to register is Friday, Sept. 24.

Around Town

[Click here](#) for the City Council meeting schedule.

Building Permit and Rebate Class. Homeowners will learn how to save money on home improvement projects by taking advantage of available rebates and following the DOs and DON'Ts of the permit process in an upcoming “Permit 101” class being offered by the city of Glendale. The class is Wednesday, Sept. 15, from 6-7:30 p.m. at Glendale City Hall, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., second floor, room 2C. There is no cost for the class and free parking is available in the adjacent garage. To reserve a spot in the class, call 623-930-2800.

[Read more.](#)

Glendale Hispanic Network Luncheon. The community is welcome to attend the Glendale Hispanic Network Luncheon on Thursday, Sept. 16 at the Glendale Civic Center, 5750 W. Glenn Dr. The event is sponsored by the city's Hispanic Network, an employee organization committed to promoting cultural awareness and professional development. The Glendale Hispanic Network is proud to present Armando Flores as the keynote speaker for this event.

Doors will open for registration at 11 a.m. Tickets are \$35 per person or \$350 per table. For more information or to purchase tickets, call the Glendale Convention & Visitors Bureau at 623-930-4500. [Read more.](#)

Teen Anime and Manga Fans Meet at Foothills Library. Teens, 12-18, who appreciate Japanese animation and comics are invited to meet other fans at the Ani-Manga Club at Foothills Branch Library, 19055 N. 57th Ave. The new group will meet monthly from 4-5:30 p.m. in the Hummingbird Room. The start-up meeting is Tuesday, Sept. 21. Members will meet with Kristin Fletcher-Spear, Foothills Teen Librarian (and a dedicated fan herself) to view and discuss manga (Japanese comics) and anime (Japanese animation). There will be related activities and refreshments. Registration is not required. For more information, call Kristin at 623-930-3840.

Parks & Recreation Master Plan Meeting. The next meeting for the Glendale Parks & Recreation Department Master Plan Update will be held at 6:30 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 22 at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. Help shape the future of recreation programs and the parks system! [Click here](#) for information on the master plan process and the master plan being updated.

Authors @ the Teague – Betty Webb. Local mystery author Betty Webb will discuss and sign her second Gunn Zoo mystery, “The Koala of Death,” during the upcoming Authors @ the Teague event at 2 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 23 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The program is free. Books will be available for purchase and signing. For more information, call 623-930-3439.

National “Take Back Initiative.” The Glendale Police Department is participating in National “Take Back Initiative” Day on Saturday, Sept. 25. This is an opportunity for residents to safely and conveniently surrender expired, unwanted, or unused pharmaceutical controlled substances and other medications. Join us from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Target Parking Lot at 10404 North 43rd Ave. Call 623-930-2571 for more information.

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